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Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/21/2008 has been considered by the examiner. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

Examiners amendment

With the permission of the attorney handling the case, all withdrawn **claims 1 – 12** have been **canceled** by the examiner. Hence only claims 15 - 19 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Only claims 15 – 19 are pending in the application. Claims 15 - 19 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claim 15**, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a Method for scanning an object, comprising: alternately transmitting and at least partially blocking said light for said different pixel locations in sequence with a radiation reducing filter; reading out said pixel at different times corresponding to the transmission of said light to said different pixel portions; and sequentially actuating the radiation reducing filters over each pixel with a plurality of scans which are combined into a single image, wherein the sequential actuation and plurality of scans increases the number of pixels in

the array of pixels without translating any of the pixels relative to the object between scans; in combination with other elements of the claim.

Regarding **claims 16 - 19**, these claims are allowed as being dependent from allowed independent claim 15.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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